

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following list of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application:

Claims 1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture comprises a permanently deformable material that acts to stiffen the two fold parts while adhered thereto.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the material that can be permanently deformed comprises at least one metal.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture is comprised of two separate parts.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the two separate parts in the fixing position are stuck together with an adhesive.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture is in form of a fixing sheet with a folding edge for upon folding of the ear defining the folding line of this ear, and both sides of the fixing sheet are applied with an adhesive for sticking the sheet together with the two fold parts of the folded ear.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture consists of a textile with adhesive on both sides.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the textile is gauze.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture is covered with at least one detachable film for preliminarily covering the adhesive.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the film extends beyond the fixture and is provided with coordinates for positioning the fixture in relation to the unfolded ear.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the film comprises a gauge for positioning the fixture in relation to the unfolded ear.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture comprises a double-coated tape.

29. (Currently amended) A method of treating a permanent ear deformation which comprises non-invasively applying to the external ear of a human patient in need of such treatment a flat fixture that includes an inner part and an outer part, with the inner side of the inner part is stuck on an inner fold part of the back of the ear, the inner side of the outer part arranged to be stuck on an outer fold part on the back of the ear, and the outer side of the inner part and outer parts arranged to be stuck together when facing each other to form a fold about a folding line along a zone having a permanent deformation so that said inner and outer part are kept fixed in folded position to correct the deformation.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising folding the ear along the folding line before applying the fixture thereto.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture is applied so that a folding edge of the fixture folds along the folding line.

32. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising sticking the inner side of the outer part on the outer fold part on the back of the ear.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising, with the inner and outer parts stuck to the ear, sticking the inner and outer parts of the applied fixture together by folding the ear to form the fold about the folding line along the zone having the permanent deformation so that said inner and outer part are kept fixed in folded position to correct the deformation.

34. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising positioning the fixture on the ear using coordinates on a detachable film provided on the fixture.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the fixture comprises a first adhesive capable of sticking the inner and outer parts together, and comprises a gauge for positioning the fixture in relation to the unfolded ear.